

ELECTION

Applicant elects the Group I invention including claims 1-5 drawn to a method for treating an organic exhaust gas for further prosecution in the present application. This election is without traverse.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 10-14 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 10-14 have been presented herewith. Claims 6-9 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application including claims 6-9.

As noted above, Applicant has elected the Group I invention including claims 1-5 for further prosecution on the merits in the present application.

Claim 1 has been amended merely to improve antecedent, rather than to substantively change claim scope. This amendment should not be construed as narrowing scope within the meaning of *Festo*.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 10-14 along with the Group I invention including claims 1-5.

Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

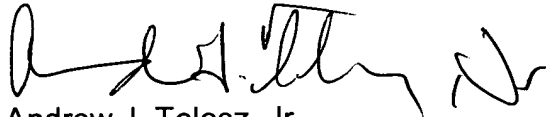
In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720

in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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